

Review of: "Stakeholders' Perceptions of Hospital-Based Early Childhood Parenting Education Services: A Thematic Analysis"

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The research on maternal and child health services in Pakistan, particularly in the context of hospital-based early childhood parenting education, is undoubtedly of great significance. However, several suggestions could enhance the quality of the study.

Given that the study is conducted in a tertiary care hospital with an annual delivery rate of approximately 6,000, the sample size at which data saturation is claimed appears too small. Additionally, the characteristics of the pregnant mothers and parents involved in the study, such as their socioeconomic status, education, and family structure (whether joint or nuclear), are not described, which is crucial for contextualizing the findings. Regarding the healthcare workers included in the study, the criteria for their selection are unclear. It is important to specify whether they were actively involved in conducting the education sessions, their level of experience, and how they were trained for data collection.

The title suggests that the research will explore the perceptions of parents, healthcare providers, and expectant mothers regarding early childhood parenting education services, which focus on supporting the development of young children from birth to around five years old. The themes and subthemes identified should provide valuable insights into the evaluation of these educational services; however, this aspect seems to be lacking in the article.

Furthermore, while the title sets certain expectations, the results do not fully align with these expectations. When revising the discussion section, it is important to consider this gap. The current discussion heavily references studies from developed countries, but it would be beneficial to compare the results with findings from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), particularly within the context of Pakistan itself. This would provide a more relevant and nuanced understanding of the challenges and opportunities in improving maternal and child health services in similar settings.